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HB 2270 – Chapter 216 – *water supply; disclosure

Requires the Department of Real Estate and the Department of Water Resources to post specific information relating to water supplies on their websites. Requires a city, town or private water company that is located outside an Active Management Area to provide information on water supplies to any person who makes such a request. The information must be provided within three days of the request. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2009.

HB 2334 – Chapter 102 – sale of beef by producer

Modifies the definition of *food product* to include: beef and beef products; pork products; poultry products; egg products; milk products; and lamb and sheep products.

HB 2771 – Chapter 153 – interstate water transfers

Authorizes the Director of the Department of Water Resources to establish an application fee to transport water from Arizona for use in another state. The Director may consider various factors when establishing the application fee including the amount of time that will be required to process the application, the quantity of pre-existing hydrological information available and the intricacy of the application. The fee must be established by rule.

HB 2772 – Chapter 224 – *Coconino plateau groundwater basin; withdrawal

Allows a city or town that is located in the Coconino Plateau groundwater basin and has a population of no more than 8,000 persons to transfer groundwater from an adjacent basin to its service area if specific conditions and limitations are met.

SB 1120 – Chapter 42 – navigable stream adjudication commission; continuation

Continues the Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission until July 1, 2012. Includes a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2008.

SB 1158 – Chapter 26 – continuation; veterinary medical examining board

Continues the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board until July 1, 2018. Includes a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2008.

SB 1168 – Chapter 161 – department of agriculture omnibus act

- Allows commercial fertilizer inspection fees to be used for grants to conduct research and education projects related to the use and handling of fertilizer material. Grants awarded for fertilizer research are not subject to the competitive grant solicitation requirements outlined in A.R.S. § 41-2701 et seq.
- Modifies the hearing requirements related to the suspension, revocation or termination of a license issued by the Animal Services Division of the Department of Agriculture (Department).
- Removes the requirement for the Department to keep seized livestock for 15 days and allows the Department to recover the expenses for the animal's care. Notice of sale for seized livestock must be posted 5 days prior to the sale rather than 10 days after the livestock has been seized. Allows a person who finds a stray animal to attempt to locate and notify the owner. If the owner cannot be located or the person chooses not to locate the owner, the person must notify the Department. The amount of time the Department is required to hold a stray animal is reduced from 14 days to 7 days.

SB 1181 – Chapter 126 – Arizona beef council; sunset continuation

Continues the Arizona Beef Council until July 1, 2018. Adds a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2008.

SB 1289 – Chapter 85 – flood protection districts; financing

Establishes financial mechanisms for a Flood Protection District (District) to construct, reconstruct, replace, renovate, repair or acquire a flood protection facility. The financial mechanisms include property assessments and the authority to issue improvement bonds. The bill outlines the process to establish areas subject to an assessment; describes the Board's authority with respect to construction contracts, hearings on objections, delinquent assessments, procedures for bonding, and addresses various other issues related to managing the District.

SB 1326 – Chapter 71 – exempt wells; internal reference corrections

Corrects statutory references regarding exempt groundwater wells.

SB 1373 – Chapter 32 – poultry husbandry

Requires the Arizona Department of Agriculture (Department) to adopt rules for poultry husbandry and egg production in Arizona that would apply to egg producers with at least 20,000 egg laying hens. The Department is also authorized to adopt standards, by rule, for egg processing plants and shell egg sanitation. The Director of the Department must also approve any chemicals, sanitizers, egg soaps, egg oils and other substances used for processing shell eggs. States that poultry husbandry practices are a statewide matter and are not subject to further regulation by a county, city, town or political subdivision in Arizona. Defines *candling*, *egg products*, *eggs* and *processed*.

SB 1380 – Chapter 88 – drought emergency groundwater transfers

Allows groundwater to be transported away from a groundwater basin that is outside an Active Management Area if special emergency circumstances exist. Specific requirements must be met in order for the Director of the Department of Water Resources to approve a request to transfer the water. Contains a retroactive effective date of May 1, 2008 and includes a delayed repeal date of May 1, 2009.

SB 1394 – Chapter 73 – racing; commission; department; continuation

Continues the Arizona Racing Commission and the Arizona Department of Racing until July 1, 2016. Establishes the Racing Investigation Fund (Fund) to facilitate payments for the costs associated with the application review of racetrack permittees. The Fund will be administered by the Arizona Department of Administration based on instructions from the Director of the Department of Racing. Establishes a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2008.